

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NORTHERN DIVISION

JOSHUA THOMAS BATES )  
Plaintiff, )  
v. )  
KILOLO KIJAKAZI, )  
*Acting Commissioner of Social Security* )  
Defendant. )

**JUDGMENT**

No. 2:22-CV-6-FL

**Decision by Court.**

This action came before the Honorable Louise W. Flanagan, United States District Judge, for consideration of the parties' cross-motions for judgment on the pleadings and the memorandum and recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge, to which objections were not filed.

**IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** in accordance with the court's order entered March 20, 2023, and for the reasons set forth more specifically therein, that plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings is granted and defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings is denied. This matter is remanded to defendant pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further proceedings.

**This Judgment Filed and Entered on March 20, 2023, and Copies To:**

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PETER A. MOORE, JR., CLERK

/s/ Sandra K. Collins  
(By) Sandra K. Collins, Deputy Clerk